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Incident Type: Brush Fire

Address: 264 Rimmon Street, backside of Rock Rimmon

Dispatch: 13:46

Under Control: 16:39

Resources: E2, E4, E5, E6, E8, T6, Forestry 1 & 2, R1, Car1, O1, O2, O3 and Fire Inspector-K2

Description of Incident: Companies were dispatched to the area of Rock Rimmon for a reported brush fire, first arriving E6 reported a large area burning a few hundred yards in the woods from the Kimball St. ball fields. Additional companies were dispatched including both the department brush units and the off road utility vehicle. Crews advanced multiple hose lines and water backpacks through acres of woodlands to cut off the fires direction of travel. Extensive overhaul and chasing hot spots continued into the early evening.

Civilian Injuries: None

Emergency Service Injuries: None

Special Circumstances: Dry conditions and steady winds contributed to flames spreading quickly throughout the wooded area. Although there were hiking trails throughout the area, crews had to deal with some thick underbrush sections to bring the fire under control.

Fire Cause: Undetermined. Trails are heavily used by hikers and kids from the neighborhood, there was also evidence of homeless encampments in the immediate area.

Estimated Dollar Loss: Approximately 8.5 Acres of woodlands involved.

Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Kenneth Proulx